

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

By Doggett

AN ACT to memorialize Mr. James R. Puryear, Jr.,  
by naming the boat ramp on Richland Creek in  
Giles County in his honor.

WHEREAS, James R. Puryear, Jr., was born on a farm in Wales, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Puryear attended Martin College and later Tennessee Polytechnic  
Institute, where he played baseball and tennis; and

WHEREAS, he was drafted out of college into World War II, U.S. Army in 1944, and was  
stationed in Germany; and

WHEREAS, when the war ended, Mr. Puryear was honorably discharged, and he  
immediately returned home to Wales to become a Postmaster and to operate a general store for  
almost thirty years; and

WHEREAS, he authored two books, *Potbellied Potpourri* and *The Way it Was*, centered  
around life in the Wales community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Puryear will long be remembered as a tireless advocate for the people  
of Wales and Giles County and as an outspoken champion of veterans' issues, and it is  
important that he be honored for his stalwart service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mr. James R. Puryear, Jr., for his alacritous  
service to the good people of Wales and Giles County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the boat ramp on Richland Creek in Wales,  
Tennessee, is hereby named the "James R. Puryear, Jr. Boat Ramp" as a lasting memorial to  
Mr. James R. Puryear, Jr.